



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2008

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States and the third leading cause of death among people age 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person commits suicide every 16 minutes; and


WHEREAS, it is estimated that five million Americans have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in North Dakota and the second leading cause of death among North Dakotans age 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, agencies and individuals across North Dakota are working to prevent suicide; and

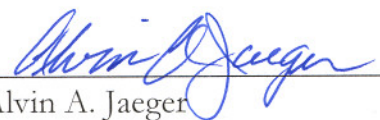
WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to learn the warning signs of suicide and to get appropriate help for themselves and their family members who are at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2008, **SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State